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Office Action Summary	Application No. 08/652,034	Applicant(s) Bischofberger et al.
	Examiner Kevin E. Weddington	Group Art Unit 1205

Responsive to communication(s) filed on Setember 3, 1 996; January 28, 1997; May 19, 1997 and August 4, 1997.

This action is **FINAL**.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1, 2, and 4-20 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 1, 2, and 4-20 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 5, 7 and

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

Applicants' information disclosure statements filed September 3, 1996; January 28, 1997; May 19, 1997 and August 4, 1997 have been received and entered.

Applicants' election filed July 2, 1997 in response to the restriction requirement of March 26, 1997 has been received and entered. The applicants elected the invention described in claims 1, 2 and 4-20 (Group I) without traverse and claim 3 is canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Meindl et al. (R).

Meindl et al. teach 2-deoxy-2,3-dehydrosialic acid compounds, the same as applicants' instant compounds, that are used to inhibit neuraminidase activity (see the abstract). Note the reference teaches the applicants' instant compounds and possess the intended activity, therefore, the cited reference anticipates the invention.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 are not allowed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner K. Weddington whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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September 2, 1997